**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

***Welcome to all!*** *We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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 ***United Methodist Church***



*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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 10:30 a.m. ~ August 17, 2025 ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be***

***disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements Judy Robertson

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Come, all who feel lost or weary.

**Come, all who long to be seen, to be known, to be made real.**

For the Shepherd is calling,

**The lamp is lit and the search is on—**

And God will not stop until you are found.

**Let us worship the One whose love seeks, saves, and celebrates!**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 382** *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God,** **we confess that we often wander.** **We chase things that cannot love us back.** **We forget that Your love is not earned—but given.** **Search for us, Lord. Sweep the corners of our souls. Carry us home.** **Let us feel your love. Make us real. Amen.**

Special Music *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer of Illumination Brenda Hunt

**God of relentless grace,** **as we open Your Word, open our hearts.** **Search the hidden places within us.** **Sweep away distraction and fear.** **Shine Your light on what is lost in us—so that we may be found in You.** **Let Your truth and Your love make us real.** **In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Mark 15:1-10 Brenda Hunt

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 578** *“God of Love and God of Power”*

The Good News ***“A Love That Finds Us”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 529** (vs 1 & 5)*“How Firm a Foundation”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

***\*\*Calendar \*\****

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| Wednesday, 8/20 |  | *Church Office Closed.* |
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| Thursday, 8/21 | 10:00 a.m. | *PEO Craft Event* |
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| Friday, 8/22 | 9:30 a.m. | *Homeschool/Homeschool Game Night* |

***\*\*Looking Ahead on the Calendar \*\****

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| Sunday, 8/31 | 10:00 a.m. | *Choir* |

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